

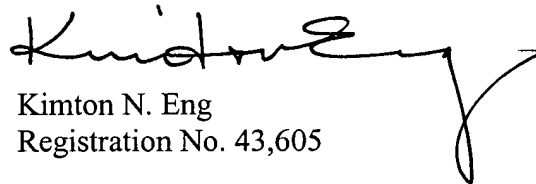
REMARKS

Claims 24-54 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-23 have been cancelled by preliminary amendment.

All of the claims pending in the present application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawings, as indicated in red, include changes to Figures 3 and 4. Figure 3B has been added. Formal drawings, Figures 1-5, are submitted herewith to replace the original drawings.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets, 5 Sheets, Figures 1-5
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes, Figures 3A, 3B and 4

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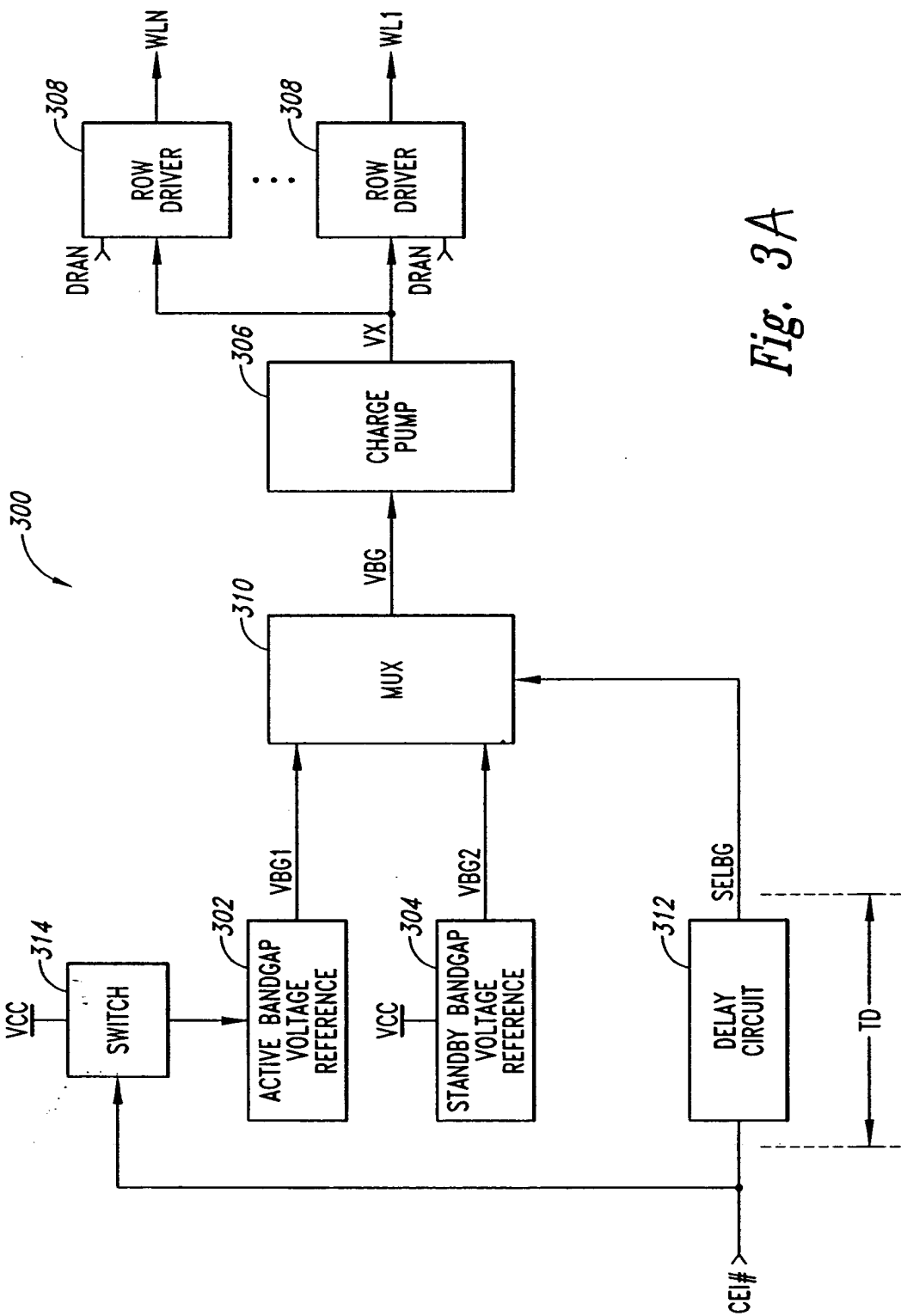


Fig. 3A

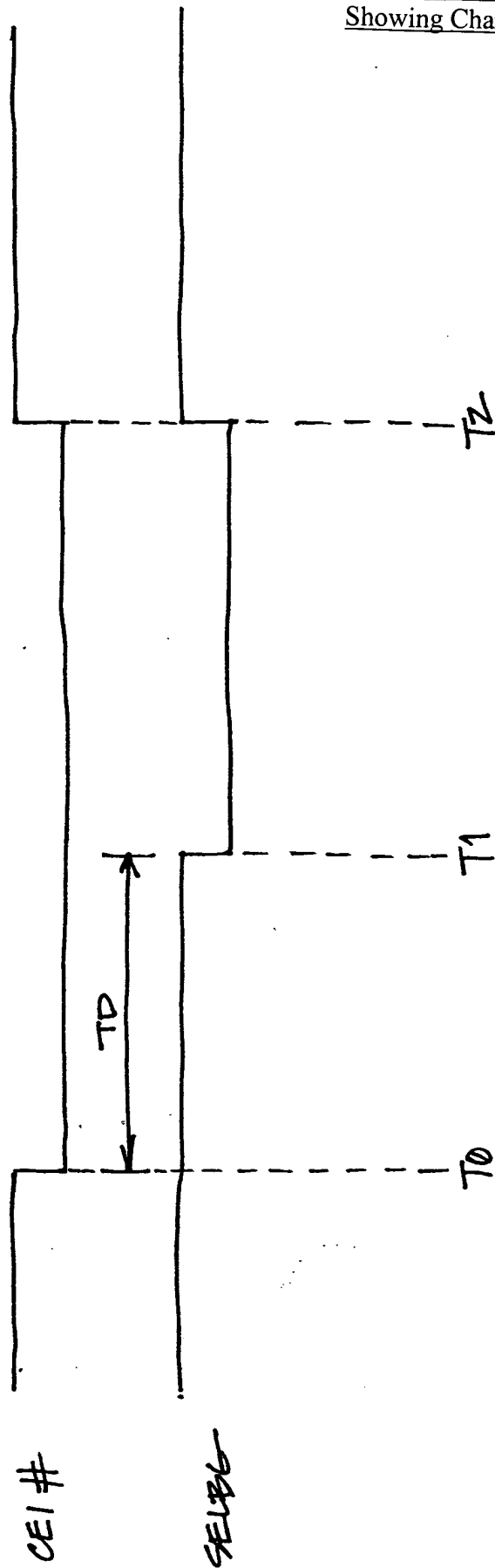


Fig. 3B

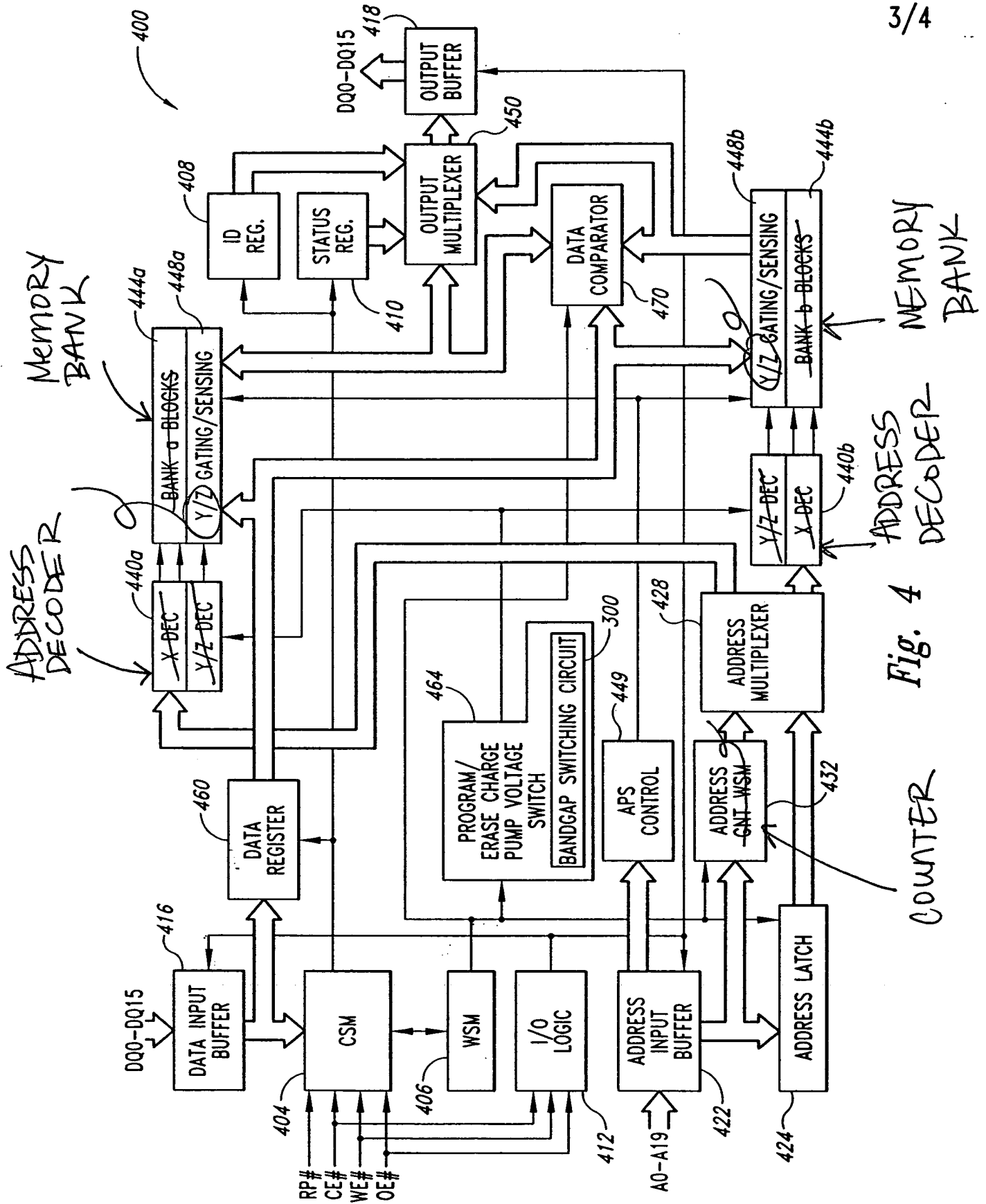


Fig. 4